

I would like to address my concerns at removing the stoplight in Oakes. My place of work is located on highway one and I regularly drive through the stoplight. There is a marked crosswalk on the corner of my office, traffic rarely stops for individuals waiting in the crosswalk. The light is the only place pedestrians are guaranteed to safely cross the highway. Even if the button is not being pushed, kids and adults alike cross there frequently all year long. It is the best route for pedestrians to get to our Main Street businesses and for kids heading to the softball park in the summer. I tell my kids to only cross there for safety reasons. There are many distracted drivers and people that drive faster than they should. Our police department is diligent during school hours but they cant be expected to watch the pedestrian crosswalks constantly. The sad reality is that drivers rarely stop for pedestrian crosswalks. Please keep our town and its residents safe.

Thank you for reading,
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